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Publisher's Note

Everyone wants to live life to the fullest. Everyone has some goals, some ambitions and some desires about the life he wants to live.

Not each person is similar to other about the likes regarding the life. The environment, family values, knowledge, education and profession affect the mental attitude to form about life, resulting in the making of the temperament of the person. Then after his behaviour is developed as how to live a life.

If a person has no type of mental bounds then he is apt to adopt free ways to acquire whatever his goals and ambitions are, and to fulfill his desires by all possible means no matter fair or unfair.

But the person who has some good knowledge about the reality of life, his attitude about life, and its goals and ambitions will be different and so will be the ways of fulfilling his desires. He will found himself bound to adopt only the fair and legal ways.

Islam has presented clear conceptions regarding life and death, likes and dislikes, forbidden and allowed, and things legal and illegal. Our pious Predecessors have tried their utmost to live life according to them. In this book, we

are presenting the glimpses of their lives so as to think over our conceptions of life and mend them accordingly to what is right. The contents of the book are interesting and motivating. We hope that people will get benefitted from it.

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Introduction

Indeed, all praise is for Allâh; we praise Him, repent to Him, and seek His forgiveness and help. We seek refuge in Allâh from the evil of our own selves and of our wicked deeds. Whomsoever Allâh guides, none can lead astray; and whomsoever Allâh leads astray, none can guide. And I bear witness that none has the right to be worshipped except Allâh alone, and He has no partner; and I bear witness that our Prophet Muhammad is His slave and Messenger.

Allah Almighty says:

﴿يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تَقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ ١٠٢﴾

"O you who believe! Fear Allâh (by doing all that He has ordered and by abstaining from all that He has forbidden) as He should be feared. (Obey Him, be thankful to Him, and remember Him always), and die not except in the state of Islam [as Muslims (with complete submission to Allâh)]."^[1]

And:

﴿يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ اتَّقُوا رَبَّكُمُ الَّذِي خَلَقَكُمْ مِنْ نَفْسٍ وَاحِدَةٍ وَخَلَقَ مِنْهَا زَوْجَهَا وَبَثَّ

^[1] Qur'ân 3:102

مِنْهُمْ رَجُلًا كَثِيرًا وَنِسَاءً وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ الَّذِي تَسَاءَلُونَ بِهِ وَالْأَرْحَامَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ عَلَيْكُمْ رَقِيبًا ﴿١﴾

"O mankind! Be dutiful to your Lord, Who created you from a single person (Adam), and from him (Adam) He created his wife [Hawwa (Eve)], and from them both He created many men and women; and fear Allâh through Whom you demand your mutual (rights), and (do not cut the relations of) the wombs (kinship). Surely, Allâh is Ever and All-Watcher over you."^[1]

And:

﴿يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَقُولُوا قَوْلًا سَدِيدًا ﴿٧٠﴾ يُصْلِحْ لَكُمْ أَعْمَالَكُمْ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ ذُنُوبَكُمْ وَمَنْ يُطِيعِ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ فَقَدْ فَازَ فَوْزًا عَظِيمًا ﴿٧١﴾﴾

"O you who believe! Keep your duty to Allâh and fear Him, and speak (always) the truth. He will direct you to do righteous good deeds and will forgive you your sins. And whosoever obeys Allâh and His Messenger (ﷺ) he has indeed achieved a great achievement (i.e. he will be saved from the Hell-fire and made to enter Paradise)."^[2]

Indeed, the most truthful speech is Allâh's Book, and the best guidance is that of Muhammad (ﷺ). The most evil of affairs are newly invented ones (in the religion), for every newly invented practice is an innovation (*Bid'ah*), every innovation is misguidance, and every misguidance is in the Fire.

^[1] Qur'ân 4:1

^[2] Qur'ân 33:70,71

Verily, Allâh (ﷻ) said about his righteous, obedient slaves:

﴿لَقَدْ كَانَ لَكُمْ فِيهِمْ أُسْوَةٌ حَسَنَةٌ لِّمَن كَانَ يَرْجُوا اللَّهَ وَالْيَوْمَ الْآخِرَ﴾

"Certainly, there has been in them an excellent example for you to follow – for those who look forward to (the Meeting with) Allâh – (for the reward from Him) and the Last Day."^[1]

It often happens that in a single moment the course of a person's life changes. How many of us remember the sermon we heard, the advice we received, or, for instance, the calamity we overcame that had the effect of bringing us closer to the teachings of Islam. When we are astray, when we are in a state of heedlessness, or when our hearts have hardened – it is especially at these times that we need a reminder to bring us back to correct guidance. Of course, the best reminder is Allâh's Book; then, of course, we have the *Sunnah* of the Prophet (ﷺ). To be reminded about the reality of this life and the Hereafter, we must constantly study – reflectively – Allâh's Book and the *Sunnah* as well as the biography of the Prophet (ﷺ). We would also do well to read about the lives of the Prophet's Companions (رضي الله عنهم).

And finally, we would do well to read about the lives of righteous worshippers and scholars who followed the way of the Prophet (ﷺ), of his rightly-guided *Khalifahs*, of his Companions (رضي الله عنهم), and of the pious Muslims from the early generations of Islam. It is in the spirit of learning

^[1] Qur'ân 60:6